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I think Senator Syas, that will give you an idea what the rule is. It says, upon motion of the first introducer with the consent of the co-introducers.

PRESIDENT: The question is now, shall the Chair be overruled? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed, Speaker Proud?

SENATOR PROUD: I just wanted to clarify what this is all about. Now would you tell us, for my edification and elucidation, what the ruling of the Chair was, I am serious in this question because I am not sure what the ruling was.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I will try and go back and thread the eye of the needle here once again. Senator Syas's motion was filed yesterday in which he asked to withdraw

SENATOR PROUD: Is that unanimous consent?

PRESIDENT: Yes, no it was just a motion yesterday, there was no unanimous consent involved.

SENATOR PROUD: It was a motion?

PRESIDENT: The motion was filed and it has to lay over a day in order for you to withdraw a bill. That is the rules of the Legislature. Now he is asking us to consider the motion, Senator Simpson has challenged that because Senator Syas does not have the approval of the co-introducer of that bill. If you will look in the rules, page 27, and the Chair tried to call your attention to this. Page 27, rule 5, section 11, if you are interested in the rule, Senator Duis has read it, I have read it to you. At this point, the Chair has ruled that Senator Chambers, even though his name went on the bill by unanimous consent, he was not on the bill originally, but he went on by unanimous consent later that that binds him as a co-introducer. Therefore, because there was some cloud perhaps on how his name got on the bill, therefore, the Chair has ruled that for Senator Syas's motion to be in order that he must have Senator Chambers' approval for the withdrawal of the bill. It is the Chair's understanding that he does not have that at this time by his own admission, and now Senator Syas is challenging the ruling of the Chair.

SENATOR PROUD: Well can't anybody move to withdraw a bill, make a motion to withdraw?

PRESIDENT: He has made the motion to withdraw, that is correct, but he can't do it because the second at this time, the rules state that he can't do it under the rules of the Legislature.

SENATOR PROUD: I have that clear then.

PRESIDENT: Now then Senator Duis?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I am speaking to the point of the, of Senator Syas's motion to overrule the Chair. Gentlemen, I would like to have these bills withdrawn probably as well as the rest of you, but we have an expression of the rules of the Legislature earlier here this morning. We stuck to it once this morning like we should all the time. Even though I would like to, Senator Syas, I am going to vote against you because I am not going to suspend the rules continuously when it is as specific as this particular one. And my good friend, George, we work together good yesterday afternoon but I am sorry at this morning that I will have to vote the other way because we did support the rules good this morning and I would ask you to support the rules again.